

# Al Farouq

*The Criterion*

## WARNING ON THE MAWLID

### Muslims beware!

One way of getting to know people and understanding them is to see who they associate with. The hadith tells us that *"a man is on the Deen of his friends"*. People are who they associate with. One is judged by the people with whom he or she brushes shoulders. This is also the maxim of the Quran and Sunnah, as the hadith quoted above indicates. For this reason the Holy Quran declares: **"O Believers, fear Allah and be with the righteous ones."** (Surah 9, v. 119) In another place Allah Ta'ala commands us: **"So after being reminded/warned, don't sit with the Zhaalimeen (wrong-doers)."** (Surah 6, v. 68) Here we are being ordered to literally NOT sit with or not to be in the company of zhaalimeen or those who have committed injustice.

Keeping this in mind, there is an extremely important notification that needs to be brought to the attention of the Muslims in Port Elizabeth, especially those Muslims who plan to attend the Mawlid function that is going take place this weekend. This matter concerns the very foundation and basis of our belief structure. Muslims must not be so gullible as to attend just about any function where there is a display of merriness and mutual enjoyment. Our Deen is not only getting together to feel 'nice' and 'motivated', or to experience 'excitement', 'sensationalism', and wonderful 'vibes'. Modern-day sufis take their followers on trips of ecstasy and rapture, make them feel internally energized and elated, but there is no spiritual substance to all of this. When all is over and the fanfare has ended the participants have no spiritual resources to fall back on. They are in fact spiritually depleted.

#### FUNCTIONS IN THE NAME OF DEEN

Getting together in a function where there is merrymaking, enjoyment, gaiety, and general fanfare is not an act of Deen. Muslims must not be attracted to shows and gatherings of celebration until they know whether there is proper Deen that is being practiced at such venues. And the most important aspect of Deen is Aqeeda or belief.

#### EXPOSURE OF REALITY

The people who will conduct the mawlid in PE this weekend are the same crowd that conducted the Mawlid last week in Cape Town. There in Cape Town they had several different functions, including women's mawlid and a so-called "seerah" conference. It was utterly shocking and absolutely devastating to learn that the senior leaders of the Mawlid had actually invited a Shia cleric to share the platform in this conference. The leader of the Shia cult in Cape Town, one Aftab Haider, who is originally from Pakistan, was invited to share the stage at this meeting ostensibly convened to discuss the Seerah. People like Dr. Ninowi, Sheik Owaisi, and other well-known votaries

of the Mawlid celebrations were all there brushing shoulders with this Shia deviant. Actions speak louder than words, and this one act is enough to betray the inner beliefs of the Mawlid leaders. It seems that gradually Allah Ta'ala is slowly exposing these people for what they really are. Many Muslims in PE, including some of our learned leaders, were duped by the outer display of brotherly love and expression of respect to Rasoolullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) that these men displayed. When they first came to Port Elizabeth not much was known about them apart from the fact that they belonged to modern-day sufi deviant groups. At that stage Muslims who supported Mawlid fell hook, line, and sinker, for the outer show of kindness, friendliness, niceties, and good behaviour. Little did Muslims realize at that stage that these same people were Shiah sympathisers and were people who had no qualms in insulting or speaking ill of certain Sahaaba. Baatil or falsehood can never hide. It will surface like the stench of an animal that has been dead for days will eventually permeate the atmosphere. It was just a matter of time before the true colours of these deviates eventually displayed itself. Sadly, those among us who are colour blind will fail to recognize the colours of baatil and deviance.

### **HYPOCRISY OF SHIAS**

Typical of Shias and their belief of Taqiya or Holy Hypocrisy, they will not confess to, or make known their true beliefs if they believe the circumstances are not conducive or the situation does not warrant such exposure. But look at some of the kufr statements made by the Mawlid ring-leaders. Dr Ninowy is on record as saying: *"If there is no zikr of Ali after the Zikr of Allah and His Rasool (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) in a nasheed, then there is no nasheed"*

Fakhri Owaisi, another Shia orientated individual, refers to Hazrat Mu'awiya (radhiyallahu anhu) as a 'haraam rebel", and accuses Hazrat Mu'awiya (radhiyallahu anhu) of being involved in the killing of Hazrat Uthman (radhiyallahu anhu), naoozhu billah! These are just a few of the Shia leanings that have become apparent from the mouth of this deviant.

**MUSLIMS BEWARE!!! YOU ARE ATTENDING A MAWLID TO EXPRESS LOVE FOR RA-SOOLULLAH (SALLALLAHU ALAYHI WASALLAM), YET THE VERY PEOPLE ON THAT STAGE HAVE BACK-STABBED THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH BY INSULTING HIS SA-HAABA AND BY ASSOCIATING WITH SHIAS WHO INSULT HAZRAT ABUBAKR AND UMAR (RADHIYALLAHU ANHUMA) AND ACCUSE OUR MOTHER AYESHA (RADHIYALLAHU AN-HAA) OF ADULTERY!!**

The sentiments and honour of our iemaan demands that we never associate with people who outwardly claim to love Allah and His Rasool (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) but condone the condemnation of Sahaaba and the Family of Allah's Rasool. These are hypocrites to the extreme. In fact, the very iemaan of such people is in doubt.

May Allah Ta'ala protect our iemaan and may He continue to expose the kufr and falsehood of the hidden and hypocritical enemies of Islam, aameen

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